CPR Second Thoughts Win Universal Cheers

Temporary Ferry Run Appreciated

Provincial government and community leaders applauded the decision of the CPR yesterday to carry on a temporary, reduced Victoria - Vancouver ferry service after Feb. 25.

The company announced that from Feb. 26 to May 15, when summer triangle service starts, the Princess Marguerite will operate one round trip daily, leaving Vancouver at 10.30 a.m. and arriving here at 2.45 p.m., and leaving here at 3.15 and reaching Vancouver at 7.30 p.m.

CHANGES MIND

The CPR changed its mind about cutting off Victoria-Vancouver service after representations were made last week to company president N. R. Crump by Attorney-General Robert Bonner and newspaper publisher Stuart Keate, acting as a municipal and Chamber of Commerce delegate.

Long before the company announcement was made yesterday, The Daily Colonist was first to publish a story (last Saturday morning) quoting Ottawa authorities that the CPR would leave one boat on the Victoria-Vancouver run.

RELUCTANT MOVE

J. N. Fraine, company vice-president, said yesterday the decision to continue service "was taken reluctantly."

The company, meanwhile, is standing by its decision to:

End the Victoria-Vancouver midnight service for all time Feb. 25;

End the Victoria-Port Angeles summer service;

Cut the Victoria-Seattle service from Feb. 25 to May 15, renew it for the summer, and then cut it off again in September;

PRINCESSES GO

Retire the Princesses Elizabeth and Joan from service.

CPR officials are expected to review the ferry situation prior to the end of the summer service.

Mr. Bonner said the company is to be congratulated because it will incur considerable financial losses with respect to the Victoria-Vancouver run.

MEETING URGED

The attorney-general suggested a conference in which the Victoria municipalities would plan a community-wide effort to promote "the valuable tourist industry."

Acting Mayor Dowell said that while once-a-day Canadian Pacific ferry service was not all Victoria had hoped for, "we do appreciate the CPR reconsidering its original decision."

CONGRATULATIONS DUE

The acting mayor said the provincial government and Attorney-General Robert Bonner should be congratulated for their actions, and "I feel also that the efforts of the city have had some effect."

Saanich Reeve George Chatterton called the CPR decision "a reasonable temporary solution" of the ferry crisis.

CHAMBER'S THANKS

G. Conway Parrott, president of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, sent a wire to Mr. Crump thanking him for his help "in making this concession, which will serve as, at least, a temporary solution to this problem."

Meanwhile, Washington State Ferry Service is going ahead with plans to start its Sidney-Anacortes day service Feb. 26, the only winter connection between Victoria and Seattle. Washington State Ferry service between Victoria and Port Angeles will start May 15, a month earlier than usual.

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CPR WILL LEAVE ONE SHIP ON VICTORIA-MAINLAND RUN
Ottawa Sees

Colonist headline told the story Saturday

Peer Alleges Beating-Up By Police

MONTREAL (CP) — Major probe of police action has been ordered following detention of Lord and Lady Shaughnessy on minor charge and alleged physical violence used by police against the peer. Prominent couple, without money to pay their taxi following masquerade ball, asked and were refused permission to phone their home. Lady Shaughnessy is in hospital suffering from shock, and her husband is suffering from cuts and bruises.

Before Canada Helps Asia

Clean Up at Home First

Canada cannot play a leading role in helping the underprivileged peoples of Asia unless she shows a clean record in the treatment of native peoples within her own borders.

John Melling, director of the National Commission on the Indian Canadian, brought this message to B.C. Indian Arts and Welfare Society at a meeting last night in the Douglas Building.

Mr. Melling said that a high Dominion government official had told him: "If we can put our own house in order, then Canada can play her part on the world stage."

Today, Mr. Melling will see Labor Minister Lyle Wicks, whose department handles the province's relations with Indian affairs.

National Commission on the Indian Canadian hopes to persuade provincial governments to participate in its work.

The commission includes federal government, private and business representatives, and will take in labor and other groups. B.C. Indian Arts and Welfare Society is considering affiliation.

Objects of the commission are to work for the advancement of native peoples and spread knowledge of them.

Today Mr. Melling will also confer with federal and provincial welfare officers. Miss Joanna Wright, director of the provincial government's Indian Advisory committee, has arranged his itinerary.

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Vehicle Branch To Stay

The B.C. motor vehicle branch will not be moved from Victoria to Vancouver, Attorney-General Robert Bonner stated yesterday.

He gave an emphatic "no" to the question filed on the legislative order paper by Opposition Leader Robert Strachan. Two Vancouver MLAs had suggested the move for "economy and efficiency."

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have appeared in the movement to the south of us and they may in fact exist in this country," he said.

He said he has confidence the minister of labor will come up with a formula to bring management and labor together and that management and labor must give it fair trial to build a better B.C.

Mr. Gargrave said "the alarming thing is not that the minister (Public Works Minister Chant) thinks these things. The alarming thing is that his perception of the labor-management situation is so bad that he feels he should verbalize them on the floor of the House. His perception of the world around him is so bad that he is a political liability to any cabinet."

Mr. Gargrave, who is an IWA trade union worker in the summer months, said labor-management relations in this province are good. "The trade union movement is as mature and sensible as any in the world."

"The right not to work for a certain employer if you do not want to is a precious freedom and the fact that it is exercised from time to time is no reason to condemn the trade union movement that is a cornerstone of modern democracy and a cornerstone that is here to stay," he said.

"This government is forcing the trade union movement to take political action. The union movement feels insecure under this administration," he said.

He charged that statements by the minister (Mr. Chant) "only inflame and create insecurity.

"Any attempt to associate B.C. trade unionists with gangsters or racketeers that have infested some American trade unions does B.C. a disservice. America is not B.C. and is not likely to be B.C. We think and act differently here," he said.

Hearing in April On Airline Shift?

The Pacific Western Airlines application to take over the Victoria-Vancouver-Seattle route from Trans-Canada Air Lines will likely be considered by the air transport board in April or May.

Submission of written briefs to be considered by the board must be made before March 2. The board's hearings will be held in Victoria, Vancouver or both cities.

And TCA will "be pleased" to continue the service from Patricia Bay airport if the PWA application is rejected by the board, newspaper publisher Stuart Keate learned yesterday in Montreal.

He said TCA officials "flatly denied" the assertion of A. DeB. McPhillips, Victoria MP, that TCA would not carry on. However, Mr. Keate said, the officials pointed out that some rate adjustment would be necessary if TCA retained the route.

Turbo-prop Viscount aircraft are being considered for the service, TCA officials said, and costs will rise if the new aircraft are introduced.

Mr. Keate met deputy transport minister J. R. Baldwin yesterday to oppose the PWA application.

Saskatchewan To Add MLAs

REGINA (CP)—The Saskatchewan legislature gave first reading Tuesday to a bill that will increase the number of legislative seats to 55 from 53.

Seven Africans Die As Rivals Clash

BRAZZAVILLE, French Equatorial Africa (UPI) — Police said Tuesday that seven persons were killed and 35 injured Monday in an outburst of rioting reported to have stemmed from a clash between rival African political factions.

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